



We had 1 fire extinguisher: Owner of cargo area on safety measures

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After the 549th fire incident that could’ve easily been avoided if businesses weren’t absolute pieces of ... or if fire-safety measures were a tiny bit better, the nation was shocked once again.

By now, every average citizen knows why the incident happened. Politicians, however, are still confused. They’re still trying to figure out if it was an accident, the result of negligence, or conspiracy by the opposition.

But believing stupid citizens is a big no-no. To get definitive answers, Satireday sat down with Md Samir Mahmud, owner of the now burnt-up cargo area in Pattogram.

Satireday: So, what caused the fire?
Samir: I’m gonna be honest with you, because I’m an honest man. In fact, I think I’m the most truthful man in the entire country. This was pure negligence.

Satireday: Great, so you’re admitting to...
Samir: Negligence of the workers.

Satireday: Oh, great.
Samir: You see, I do everything for these workers. I pay them for their work. I make eye-contact with them. And yet, what did they give me in return? A burnt-up cargo area. Had they been more cautious, this wouldn’t have happened.

Satireday: But the place didn’t have adequate fire safety measures. Plus, you kept chemicals there.
Samir: Absolute nonsense. I bought a large fire extinguisher for the area five years ago. We also had a bucket of water nearby. And what’s all this about chemicals? Chemicals are everywhere, in the food we eat, the clothes we wear; we’re made of chemicals!

Satireday: No, like, the flammable ones.
Samir: What does “flammable” really mean? Have you ever thought about that? Everything can be set on fire; it’s all flammable. Except water, and that’s why we had the bucket there.

Satireday: But you broke the law and didn’t even inform firefighters that you’re a piece of ... that you had chemicals there.
Samir: Rules are meant to be broken, sweetie. Business is war, and I can’t lose. Next time, firefighters should keep these things in mind.

Satireday: Finally, what measures are you taking after this disaster?
Samir: I would like to apologise on behalf of my stupid workers. We will add another bucket of water for the area. We would’ve added two, but as you can see, I took a huge financial hit. People like us need to think about the economy.

Besides, I’ll be financially assisting all families affected by this incident. What do you think, will Tk 10 lakh be enough to make them forget and be happy? Man, I’m so generous. The whole country should remember how humanitarian I am.

PK joins race with Saudi man to marry Amber Heard

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Being hit by serious penury, when Amber Heard was totally unable to pay Johnny Depp the \$10-million compensation, the amount lost in a bet over the Liverpool-Madrid UCL final, an altruistic man from Saudi Arabia came to the rescue with his fat bank accounts.

He expressed his intention to marry Amber Heard under the “If you marry me, I will pay your debts” scheme.

While asked about why he wanted to marry her despite having a wife, the man said, “I just want to help a financially broken and helpless woman. I am not polygamous. I just run a project that helps deprived and helpless women through my marrying them.”

While everything was going smoothly and the man was just on the verge of paying Amber Heard’s debts, PK Maldar, the multi-billionaire from Chapasthan, entered the scene as if by magic.

Maldar proposed his plan to marry Amber Heard and outplayed the Saudi man. “Hey Amber, do you know me? I am the second richest man in the world, right after Elon Musk. Forget that oil merchant. I know how to manage girlfriends. I will make a movie called ‘The Moneyman’, and you will play the lead role,” Maldar said in a letter sent to Amber Heard.

“By defeating the Saudi man, I want to make my countrymen proud of me. I, PK Maldar, a proud representative of Chapasthan, will do anything to uphold the dignity and pride of my nation,” he added.



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As the news went global, the people of Chapasthan couldn’t contain their delight. Some tagged him as “The Hero of the Nation”, some called him “Dulabhai of the west” and some called him “The Loverman”.

“Only a few people made Chapasthan proud and PK Maldar is one of them. I myself wanted to marry, I mean help, Amber but couldn’t do it due to untimely poverty. Now, I am happy that, at least a person from my country is ready to help her,” Munna, a secret admirer of Amber Heard, said while crying with happiness.

When Amber Heard was asked who she would marry among the two, she employed multiple facial expressions and said, “My dog stepped on a bee...” and became silent.

Govt to mend tea workers’ broken roofs with surplus tea leaves

Commerce minister tells traffic jam

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In the seventh hour of sitting in a traffic jam on the country’s biggest thoroughfare, Chapasthan Commerce Minister Baki Gunchhi held an impromptu press conference for around 30 motorcyclists who had congregated around the minister’s BMW over the last five hours.

“You just have to see the development to believe it,” he said, although no one had asked a question. “So many cars! That just tells me how much citizens’ spending powers have grown. We can’t import the cars fast enough. That’s why the finance minister said we will be making our own cars and exporting them.

“On the other hand, we are producing more tea than we export. What does that point to? More and more people are drinking tea. Why? Development. Progress. With the increase in local demand for tea, everyone in that industry will be benefited.”

At that point, one of the motorcyclists (who happened to be a journalist because there is one every 30 motorcycles) asked how it would benefit tea garden workers, many of whom were living in dilapidated sheds in tea gardens.

“Oh, I see you read the paper. Well, development is the answer there too. We already have plans for it. Tea production is so good now, that it even exceeds local demand. So, we will repair the roofs of tea workers’ houses with surplus tea leaves. Like I said, increase in spending power benefits all,” he shouted over an ambulance siren that had been blaring for the last three hours.

At this point, the journalist asked why tea workers’ salaries are not increased from the current Tk 120 a day, since they are contributing to increased production and because the raise would also help them mend their own houses.

“Yes, yes... Oh look, the cars are moving, great talking to you fine folks,” the minister said and rolled up his window, then sat inside the stationary car for three more hours till the jam finally eased.



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